

Notice of Allowability

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Examiner

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1. ☒ This communication is responsive to Amendment After Final filed on 4/24/2007.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-16, 20-26 and 28-30.
3. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
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 - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
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6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

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DETAILED ACTION

Reasons for Allowance

1. The following is a statement of reasons for the indication of allowable subject matter:

Claim 1 is allowable over the prior art of record, because the prior art of record does not disclose "a power converter coupled to the first internal component, and coupled simultaneously to the first input port and the second input port, wherein the power converter receives alternating current input power by way of the first and second inputs ports and converting the input power into the internal power to be provided to the first internal component". Along with the remaining features of the claim.

Claim 20 is allowable over the prior art of record, because the prior art of record does not suggest "converting the rectified power into a modified rectified power by way of the switching mechanism, wherein the internal power is based upon the modified rectified power, and wherein the converting includes developing a feedback signal indicative of an aspect of the modified rectified power that can vary as a result of the variation of the at least one characteristic of the input power; and adjusting the converting in response to the feedback signal so that the internal power based upon the modified rectified power satisfies the criterion". Along with the remaining features of the claim.

Claim 23 is allowable over the prior art of record, because the prior art of record does not suggest that "a first diode array capable of receiving and rectifying the first power and a second diode array capable of receiving and rectifying the second power,

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wherein output ports of the first and second diode arrays are coupled to one another so that the rectified first and second powers are combined to form a first modified power; a switch mode regulator section coupled to the rectifier section, wherein the switch mode regulator provides a second modified power based upon the first modified power; and at least one filter section coupled to at least one of the switch mode regulator section and the rectifier section, wherein the low voltage output power is one of the second modified power and a filtered power provided as a result of operation of the filter section upon the second modified power". Along with the remaining features of the claim.

Claim 24 is allowable over the prior art of record, because the prior art of record does not disclose "a switch mode power supply that is connected to only two phases of the first input power and to only two phases of the second input power and converting the first and second input powers into the internal power satisfying the first criterion even though at least one characteristic of the input power varies within a range, the switch mode power supply operatively coupled to supply the internal power to the internal component". Along with the remaining features of the claim.

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Carlos Amaya whose telephone number is (571) 272-8941. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F 8-4:30.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Michael Sherry can be reached on (571) 272-2800. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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